

REMARKS

The specification has been amended to insert the heading "Cross-Reference to Related Applications", in accordance with 37 CFR § 1.77(b), and the priority history of the present application. This application is a divisional of U.S. Application Serial No. 10/286,987, incorporated into this divisional application by reference in its entirety.

Claims 1-150 have been cancelled and newly added claims 151-170 are pending. These claims are directed to certain aspects of the invention. Support for these compounds is found throughout the specification and originally filed claims.

Prompt and favorable examination on the merits of pending claims 151-170 is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: December 23, 2003

By:



Ajay Pathak
Registration No. 38,266

By:

Benjamin C. Spehlmann
Registration No. 45,649

BANNER & WITCOFF, LTD.
1001 G Street, N.W., 11th Floor
Washington, D.C. 20001
(202) 824-3000
(202) 824-3001 (fax)